**THE FIRST EMPIRES**

**Write the vocab definitions to the following words:**

1. **Province -**
2. **caravan –**
3. **astronomer –**

**The Assyrians (p.27)**

1. **Where did the Assyrians live? Near what river?**
2. **Why was the Assyrian land so valuable?**
3. **How did the Assyrian’s protect themselves from invaders?**

**Why were the Assyrians so strong?**

1. **Give 4 reasons why the Assyrian army was so strong.**
2. **How did the Assyrians learn how to make strong weapons?**
3. **What kind of material did they use to make their weapons? Why was it stronger than the weapons they used before?**
4. **Describe the Assyrian’s method of attacking a city. (p.28)**
5. **What would happen to the people that lived in the city that the Assyrians took over?**
6. **Do you think the way the Assyrians treated the new settlers to the land was fair?**
7. **What major rivers were part of the Assyrian Empire?**
8. **What geographical features may have kept the Assyrians from expanding their empire to the north and south?**

**A Well-Organized Government**

1. **What was the capital of Assyria?**
2. **By about 650 B.C., the Assyrian empire stretched between what two points?**
3. **What are provinces? Who governed these provinces and what was their job?**

**Life in Assyria**

1. **How was life in Assyria similar to other Mesopotamian areas? Were there any differences?**
2. **What are some accomplishments or “firsts” of the Assyrians?**
3. **When did the Assyrian Empire fall? What people group was responsible?**

**The Chaldeans (p. 29)**

1. **What people group controlled all of Mesopotamia from 605 B.C. to 562 B.C? Who was their king?**
2. **Describe the City of Babylon.**
3. **What were the Hanging Gardens and why were they built?**
4. **Why was Babylon able to become so rich? (p.30)**
5. **What were some of the contributions of the Chaldean astronomers?**

**Why Did the Empire Fall?**

**26. Why did the empire fall? What people group took over Babylon and the Mesopotamian region?**